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FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1049  
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY ROME

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FROM CHARGE MEEHAN TO AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD, MTN  
SUBJECT: MTN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 205953

1. AMBASSADOR STOESSEL IS ABSENT, BUT WILL RETURN ON  
SEPTEMBER 18 AND I KNOW HE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO LEARN  
OF YOUR PLANS TO COME TO BONN AND WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD  
TO SEEING YOU.

2. UNFORTUNATELY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, IS NOT SUITABLE,  
SINCE CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, FOREIGN MINISTER  
GENSCHER, ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs WILL ALL BE  
OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THESE THREE KEY PERSONALITIES WILL  
ALSO BE ABSENT ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
AND 22. WHILE KEY SENIOR STATE SECRETARIES WOULD BE  
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MOST PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN PROGRAM, THEY ALL  
AGREE, AT LEAST MINISTER FRIDERICHs (YOUR IMMEDIATE  
COUNTERPART) SHOULD BE IN BONN DURING THIS IMPORTANT  
VISIT.

3. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING SITUATION WE TRIED TO  
EXCHANGE DATES WITH ROME, BUT FOUND THAT AN ALL-DAY

CABINET MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23 PRECLUDED SUCH A SWITCH. WE ALSO TRIED TO EXCHANGE DATES WITH PARIS, BUT LEARNED THAT SEPTEMBER 23 ALSO IMPOSSIBLE. EMBASSY PARIS DOES SUGGEST, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY CURTAILING PARIS PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ENABLE MEETING IN BONN. WE HAVE A TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MINISTER FRIDERICH'S ON SEPTEMBER 28 AT 4:30 P.M. AND WILL ARRANGE OTHER MEETINGS ON THAT DAY, ON THE ASSUMPTION YOU COULD LIMIT YOUR PARIS VISIT TO ONE DAY ONLY.

4. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH BRUSSELS AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR MEETINGS THERE COULD QUITE EASILY BE SHIFTED TO SEPTEMBER 22 AND 23, THUS PERMITTING YOU TO DEPART FROM WASHINGTON ONE DAY LATER.

5. WE NEED TO KNOW URGENTLY WHETHER YOU COULD SHORTEN YOUR PARIS VISIT TO ONE DAY (SEPTEMBER 27) AND COME TO BONN ON SEPTEMBER 28 SINCE MINISTER FRIDERICH'S AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE VERY BUSY WORKING ON NEW ECONOMIC PROPOSALS AND THE AUTUMN PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM.  
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